German aid to Orissa

2193. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Germany has released 1.75 lakhs in Euro-currency as their contribution for flood relief for Orissa; and

(b) which are the other foreign agencies who have extended similar help to the State for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) Germany has not provided any financial assistance for flood relief to Orissa. However, Germany has provided the following assistance for cyclone relief to Orissa:

(1) Grant assistance of DM 5 million (Rs. 11.08 crores) in 1996 for constructing cycline shelters in Orissa.

(2) Grant assistance of Euro 5.113 million was committed in 2001 for construction of cyclone shelters. Euro 0.836 million (Rs. 4.39 crores) have been released upto November, 2003.

(b) The World Bank and U.K. have extended assistance for cyclone relief to Orissa as under:

(i) World Bank: An amount of US$46 million was diverted from World Bank assisted Orissa Water Consolidation Project to Orissa Emergency Cyclone Project in December, 2000 and the project is still continuing.

(ii) U.K.: Govt. of UK has provided grants to Government of Orissa for the following purposes:

(a) Rs. 27.895 crores for the rehabilitation of cyclone-damaged lift irrigation project; and

(b) Rs. 29.424 crores for the post cyclone reconstruction of primary schools.